

## OF DR. MARY E. WALKER.

**SHE IS ILL, NEARLY FRIENDLESS AND UNABLE TO SECURE HER CLAIM.**

**How She Used to Care for the Defenders of the Union—She Likes Jokes, but Does Not Always Understand Them—She Is a Lieutenant.**

**Special Correspondence.]**  
WASHINGTON, April 15.—A quarter of a century after the end of the civil war, an aged woman is in Congress to do justice to one of the famous women of the war epoch. In a small sitting room in an old fashioned house in an old fashioned part of the city lives Dr. Mary E. Walker. She is alone, helpless, her own surgeon and nurse, and carries



DR. MARY WALKER IN HER HOME.

she is also nearly blinded with funds. No feminine dress adorns the walls, and there is no couch in which hangs dresses and wraps. The room is without other furniture than the small bed, two chairs and an old bureau. Sitting rakishly on the top of the last with its crown nodding to one side, is the high silk hat which the doctor has worn many times in public, a lone reminder of what the world calls her eccentricity, but which her friends know to be the proof of her courage and conscientiousness. But the garb which Dr. Mary has so long worn, and of which this matronish is the latest addition, probably she would have had it just as long ago. For there is no record of the jester of the cabinet, the government, and the bill voting her \$2,000, which was last week placed upon the calendar, had been four times before unanimously reported to the house from the committee on war claims.

With obviously painful effort, the queer little woman sits up in bed to talk to her caller. Even in sickness Dr. Mary Walker adheres as much as possible to the mere dress which she has for a quarter of a century championed for all the men who had died in the arms came before me in a quiet way. To the friend of one of them I had written, just after his death, informing them of the circumstances, and addressing the envelope to the name of the dead soldier, but marking it that his friends should open and read. Fortunately it fell into the right hands, and ten years later, when I was a clerk in the pension office, an application for widow's pension came in with my letter attached to it. I was able to furnish all the evidence needed to secure a pension for that poor widow. In the other cases the most accidental placed him in position to help a pension for the soldier's wife and children, an incident which I was glad to avail myself of.

Though her life has been one of sacrifice and of devotion to her idea of principle, the eccentric little woman loves a joke as well as any one. She is constituted, however, that some jokes—and many have been played upon her to reach her understanding. Once she did not appreciate certain drawings which she had made in the front of the car to prevent it.

## A LESSON FROM CHICAGO.

## A SOMETIME HAMLET THAT HAS BECOME A GREAT CITY.

**Its Buildings Are High and Its Coffers Capsized; but Its Simplicity Is Gone Forever.—The Captains of Industry, the Holders of Money, Are Its Rulers.**

[Special Correspondence.]

CHICAGO, April 14.—J. Young Sommam was buried the other day, and his death recalls us to the thought that we cannot much longer have with us the generation of men who were present at the Founding of the City. If we now count 1,000,000 souls within the municipal limits, as I believe, will not the reader pardon me for holding that I have good reason to write of such a tall tale? Aladdin's growth has offered to the history of the city a remarkable illustration of the destruction and corrective effect on Christendom.

Then in this is the truth in the twelfth letter and a first, and in Justice a letter being n, he gets 13, or 13, and Justice a letter being n, he gets 14, or 14, the twentieth letter and the twenty-fourth, but there are not being 27 letters in his alphabet, he counts 25—the total number—and 13 being the result, he finds that n is the synonym for u. The next letter is r. This is the sixteenth, and the letter in the key is being third, he looks for the twentieth letter and finds it is u, and so on until the sentence "Murder the ten" would read in cipher.

The way in which it is worked is this. Leaving out the letter J, the cipher is arranged as follows:

A B C D E F G  
H I K L M N P Q R  
S T U V W X Y Z

Let us say that the "parole" agreed upon is the word "are," and that one Nilinski desired to say to the other "Murder the ten." Then he would find his cipher in the following manner: He places the words, with the letters a r c o a l d, as I shall describe, viz:

M u r d e r t h e t e n

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When the recipient of the letter deciphers it he places the r c under the above enigma in the same manner as did the sender, but subtracts the values of the a r c from the cipher, instead of adding them to it.

And when as word, "are," is in the example, the letter in the cipher to be translated is the word, "murder the ten," which the receiver letter, r, of the key then add 25 to the unscrambled letter, making 12 and 25=37, and subtracting 13, which represents r, it leaves 24, the equivalent letter being n; and so on this wonderful cipher works.

If we substitute any other three letters as a key instead of a r c, the result will—must—be different. Take, for instance, c, n, and the reading in cipher of "Murder the ten" would be Pifflit xi xan.

By this means it can be readily understood how they now hoodwink the officials of "his imperial majesty's own chancery."

No third Nilinski known to me to the cipher of any other three letters, but the policy of the emperor is to have a third of a mind to know. And it is a thing of mind of that a Nilinski who gives over always a secret of his order, it is very pretty certain that by the time they have adopted their secret correspondence will go on unimpeded and every other of the car to prevent it.

ROB P. WALSH.

STRAY BITS.

The sweet orange was first brought from China to Europe by the Portuguese in the year 1543.

In 1885 England imported 13,000,000 pairs of gloves. Their declared value was £1,000,000, 100, being £7.50 per pair.

The largest port in Africa was recently opened in the Kimberley diamond fields. It measures 20 feet 3 inches by 7 feet 9 inches, and is to be 1,000 feet deep.

The longest lived people in the world are the Negroes, among whom the average duration of life is now 45.2 years for the men and 50.2 for the women.

A play at one of the English theatres recently had to be modified because the actors had a superstition against the appearance of a person or his feathers on the stage.

A London confectionery store gives to every purchaser of a chocolate worth a ticket entitling the purchaser to have one photograph of herself taken at an establishment upstairs.

Ireland has a coast of 2,377 miles, and inland waters covering 574,857 acres, which supply about a new salmon each year. Nevertheless Ireland, for home consumption, annually imports cured fish.

It is now possible to be cremated in Paris for sixty cents, and improvements having greatly increased the cost.

Nearly all the cremations, however, consist of the remains of persons disposed of at the public expense.

The longest fruits in England are, as a general rule, those which begin between Christmas and New Year, and the first half of January. The last to drop, the slop of death on the calendar, as so many hills do sleep, is to be hoped the present hill for her relief will not thus perish.

Dr. Walker supports herself easily now by practicing medicine and lecturing. But it is not likely she will ever be able to work again. It is generally known that Dr. Walker is a lieutenant, but that is the rank to which she was entitled when she was born. Some one once said to President Lincoln that Dr. Walker ought to have a major's shoulder strap. "I am in favor of that," said the president, "for she has certainly earned it."

RONALD GRAYES.

HOW NIHILISTS CORRESPOND.

Their Secret Code Explained by Leo Hartman, Exile from Russia.

[Special Correspondence.]

NEW YORK, April 11.—I had an interview the other day with Leo Hartman, the famous nihilist, who escaped from the clutches of the tsar's officials last year, and who is now living quietly in New York, where he is experimenting with electricity. It will be

remembered that it was for his connection with the nihilists that Dr. Walker was condemned to death.

He is a man of great energy, and is well informed in the art of self defense.

He is the personal companion of

the exiled Russian and Siberian.

I asked him how he managed to get them, but he would not tell; however he volunteered to explain how the secret correspondence was carried on. When first it became necessary for the nihilists to send secret letters invisible writing fluid was the method adopted. This fluid was changed according to the exigencies of the case.

If the letter was destined to be destroyed the moment it was read, milk sugar dissolved water, or, when in prison, even saliva was used. These leave no trace on the paper, but on holding it over the flame of a lamp, the sugar would melt, leaving a white stain.

England is the only country where members of parliament are not only unpaid, but have no special rights or privileges whatever.

In the United States of America the members of both branches of congress receive the same amount of pay—namely, \$5,000 per annum.

In Sweden the members of the diet receive \$300 for a session of four months, but they have to pay a fine of \$50 for every day's absence.

In Norway the members of the storting receive \$350 per day during the session, which usually lasts about six weeks, but which has been extended to that many months.—St. Louis Republic.

Accordingly they put their heads together and invented the most perfect system of secret correspondence that has ever been devised.

But before explaining this system I shall tell how the nihilists prepared their departure from the old methods. They scraped several sheets of paper in gun cotton, and, writing simple letters on them with black ink, left spaces between the spaces as formerly, but it was between the spaces of such narrow letters that their invisible ink was always used. These they forwarded in such a manner that they must fall into the hands of the officials.

The officers of the tsar did not hold the letters over a lamp to bring out the writing; they wished to preserve them, so instead they used a hot smoothing iron. And then came the crash. The moment the hot iron was applied to the gun cotton soaked paper there was a terrific report and the unfortunate officer was horribly mangled by the explosion.

"I have no orders," said he.

"Then I will give you orders," I replied; "start at once for Washington. Oh, yes, I have authority," and I waved at him my letter from Gen. Burnside. "Start at once, but run slowly and cautiously. The train ahead may be stopped anywhere, and, besides, these men cannot stand much jolting."

"My orders were obeyed, and I acted as escort to the engineer. Most of the time the engineer lay sick, and he could not run to Washington with his orders."

"But I order you to go on to Washington immediately," I said to him, "and if you dare refuse I'll see that your case is reported to the war department."

"We went on to Washington. On the way

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